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C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT MORESBY 0302

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDIP, PP

SUBJ: ANTICIPATED VISIT BY SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR

REF: JAKARTA 4440

1. WE UNDERSTAND GPNG WILL ANNOUNCE THE DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION OF SEVERAL COUNTRIES IN THE NOT DISTANT FUTURE, INCLUDING BOTH KOREAS. SEA COUNTRIES AND POSSIBLY CHINA AND USSR WILL ALSO BE AMONG THOSE RECOGNIZED.

2. WE FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT GPNG DOES NOT INTEND TO PERMIT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ANY ADDITIONAL RESIDENT MISSIONS IN PORT MORESBY AT THIS TIME. THE FRENCH MADE A HARD PUSH FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MISSION HERE A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO BUT WERE REFUSED EVEN THOUGH THIS REFUSAL PROBABLY DELAYED PNG'S ACCEPTANCE INTO LOME CONVENTION. (FRENCH WILL ACCREDIT THEIR AMBASSADOR IN MANILA AS THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE ACCEPTABLE TO GPNG.)

3. REASON GIVEN BY GPNG FOR REFUSAL TO PERMIT ADDITIONAL RESIDENT MISSIONS IS THAT DFAT IS UNABLE TO COPE WITH EXTRA WORKLOAD CREATED BY EXISTING MISSIONS. (DFAT
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HAS LEARNED THAT EXISTING MISSIONS WANT APPOINTMENTS

TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF VERY LITTLE INTEREST TO PNG,
ASK FOR INFORMATION THAT IS TIME-CONSUMING TO PREPARE,
AND LEVY DEMANDS FOR VARIOUS KINDS OF PROTOCOL SUPPORT.)
THIS BURDEN, HOWEVER, IS ASSUREDLY NOT THE ONLY REASON.
GPNG DOES NOT WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN BIG POWER POLITICS,
NOR BECOME A PARTY TO ONGOING INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES
AND FURTHER, DOES NOT LIKE THE FRENCH. IF THE GPNG
PERMITS RESIDENT SOUTH KOREAN MISSION IT WILL HAVE
LITTLE JUSTIFICATION FOR REFUSING FRENCH AND OTHERS
(PROBABLY INCLUDING THE SOVIETS) WHICH IT DOES NOT
WANT HERE, AT LEAST NOT AT THIS TIME.

4. I SHALL BE GLAD TO TALK TO AMBASSADOR LEE WHEN HE CALLS.
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